20

25

5

10

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A voice communication method comprising:

receiving user voice input at a user system;

performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input at the user system;

sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network; and completing voice processing of the sent front-end processed user voice input at the server.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein sending is wirelessly sending.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the user system is implemented in a vehicle.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises sampling the received user voice input.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises at least one of noise cancellation, echo-cancellation or end-pointing.
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising performing a function at the server based on the completed voice processing.
- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving user system status information, and wherein sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network sends the user system status information with the front-end processed user voice input based on transmission requirements.
 - 8. The method of claim 7, wherein sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network includes sending the user system status information and the front-end processed user voice input in interspersed distinct transmission packets.
 - 9. The method of claim 7, wherein sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network sends only the user system status information when no user voice is received.

10

15

20

25

- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises performing voice recognition processing.
 - 11. A voice communication method comprising:

receiving user voice input at a user system;

performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input at the user system, wherein the front-end voice processing includes sampling the received user voice input;

sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network; completing voice processing of the sent front-end processed user voice input at

the server; and

performing a function at the server based on the completed voice processing.

- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises at least one of noise cancellation, echo-cancellation or end-pointing.
 - 13. A voice communication system comprising:
 - a user system comprising:
 - a microphone configured to receive user voice input;
 - a processor configured to perform front-end voice processing of the received user voice input; and
 - a communication component configured to send the front-end processed user voice input to a destination over a network; and
 - a server system coupled to the network, the server comprising:
 - a communication component configured to receive the sent front-end processed user voice input; and
 - a processor configured to complete voice processing of the sent front-end processed user voice input.
- 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the communication component of the user system communicates wirelessly.
 - 15. The system of claim 13, wherein the user system is implemented in a vehicle.
- 30 16. The system of claim 13, wherein the processor of the user system comprises a sampling component configured to sample the received user voice input.

15

25

- 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the processor of the user system further comprises at least one of a noise cancellation component, an echo-cancellation component, or an end-pointing component.
- 18. The system of claim 13, wherein the processor of the server comprises a component configured to perform a function based on the completed voice processing.
 - 19. The system of claim 13, wherein the user system further comprises removable modules.
 - 20. The system of claim 19, wherein

the modules comprise a processing module; and

the processor of the user system comprises a sampling component configured to sample the received user voice input.

- 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the processing module comprises at least one of a noise cancellation component, an echo-cancellation component or an end-pointing component.
- 22. The system of claim 19, wherein the modules comprise at least one of a positioning module, a phone adapter module, or a wireless network communication module.
- 23. The system of claim 13, wherein the processor of the user system comprises a speech recognition component configured to perform speech recognition of the received user voice input.
- 20 24. A voice communication system comprising:
 - a means for receiving user voice input at a user system;
 - a means for performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input at the user system;
 - a means for sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network; and
 - a means for completing voice processing of the sent front-end processed user voice input at the server.
 - 25. The system of claim 24, wherein the means for sending is a means for wirelessly sending.

- 26. The system of claim 24, wherein the user system is implemented in a vehicle.
- 27. The system of claim 24, wherein the means for performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises a means for sampling the received user voice input.
- 5 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the means for performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises at least one of a means for performing noise cancellation, echo-cancellation or end-pointing.
 - 29. The system of claim 24, further comprising a means for performing a function at the server based on the completed voice processing.
- 30. The system of claim 24, further comprising a means for receiving user system status information, and wherein the means for sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network sends the user system status information with the front-end processed user voice input based on transmission requirements.
 - 31. The system of claim 30, wherein the user system status information and the front-end processed user voice input are sent in interspersed distinct transmission packets.
 - 32. The system of claim 30, wherein the means for sending the front-end processed user voice input to a server over a network sends only the user system status information when no user voice is input at the means for receiving.
- 33. The system of claim 24, wherein the means for performing front-end voice processing of the received user voice input comprises a means for performing voice recognition processing.